

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT AREA**  
**DBA COMMUNITY TRANSIT**  
**Snohomish County, Washington**  
**January 1, 1994 Through December 31, 1994**

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**Schedule Of Findings**

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1.     Transit Should Refrain From Making Gifts Of Public Funds

During our review of travel expenditures, we selected 15 travel vouchers and discovered two instances where lodging and meal costs for employees' spouses were paid for at the transit's expense.

By providing lodging and meals to employee spouses, the transit violated its own Policy No. 3-91 which states:

... the following expenditures are not allowable business expenses and are therefore non reimbursable ... lodging for others ... any similar items deemed non reimbursable ...

As well as violating the transit's policy, the provisions of Article VIII, Section 7 of the Washington State Constitution were violated. Article VIII, Section 7 states in part:

... No county, city, town or other municipal corporation shall hereafter give any money, or property, or loan its money, or credit to or in aid of any individual, association, company or corporation, except for the necessary support of the poor and infirm ...

We recommend that lodging and meals not be provided at transit expense to the spouses of employees. In addition, we recommend that transit officials conduct their own review of travel expenditures and determine if recovery for these unallowable expenditures is appropriate.